As regards the Andhra Pradesh .Labour Welfare Fund Bill, 198&, it was received on 17.9.86 and' is aging the attending of the Government of India, and is likely to be finalised soon

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India's exports

1754. SUM RAM AWADHESH IGH; Will the Minister of COMMERCE b$_e$ pleased to state;

(a) whether it is $_a$ fact that India's exports have improved during 1986 87 as reported i$_n$ th$_e$ Hindu of the 30th May, 1987; if so, what ar$_e$ the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that lorts have improved largely due to exports of fruits and vegetables, .meat, marine and fish products, all which are essential protective ioods already in short supply especially for the vulnerable groups;

(c) whether higher exports are due to the export of animal fe which are again in short supply ding to gift imports of milk pro- is even with the attendant danger of radioactivity; and >

<di whether a rational national policy will be evolved in regard to exports $^{aS\ eve}$ri small exports of the above items have a spiralling effect On the consumer prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN E MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRL P. R. DAS MUNSHI); (a) According to the provisional data, India's exports during 1986-87 amounted to Rs. 12550.06 crore$_s$ as compared to Rs-10420.37 crores, during 1985-86, thereby registering a growth of 20.4 per cent.

(b) The exports of Fruit$_s$ and Vegetables declined from Rs. 175 crores during 1985-86 to Rs. 14G erores during 1986-87. The exports of meat; and meat products incrcM i Rs. 72 crores during 1985-86. to Rs. 76 crores during ' 1986-87. The export of Marine products increased *~™« R« 3RR $_c$rore6 during 1985-86 to Rs. 477 crores during 1986-87. These items put together have accounted only for an increase of Rs. 65 crores out of a total increase of Rs. 2130 crores in India's exports during 1986-87 as compared to 1985-86. I$_n$ terms of domestic availability, the exports of these items constitute a very small percentage -which will not substantially affect availability of thes$_e$ itenig in the domestic market.

(c) The exports ^{of} oil cakes show ed a substantial improvement during 1986 87 largely on account of higher off-tak$_t$. of soyameal extracffOh. The animal- husbandry practices presently being followed in most parts of the country and the cost of purchasing animal feed$_s$ which has become a determent has resulted i$_n$ generating exportable surplus of oil meals in the country. The export$_s$ of oil. its are not, therefore, being conducted at the cost of domestic availability. The exports $_0$f oil meals are also not ijj any way related to the gift import of milk products.

(d) The ^exports of item$_s$ ar$_e$ per mitted keeping into view th$_e$ aspects of domestic availability and internal prices of various commodities of mass consumpton. The Export Policy i,; framed only after visualising the quantum of exportable surplu$_s$ avai lable , in each commodity. The Export Policy of price sensitive items such ag onions ^{etc}- is also controlled with a view to ensuring that domestic consumers do not suffer on account of exports. The Policy is also reviewed from time t$_0$ time t$_0$ ensure that necessary changes are made M required keep ing in view the interest of domestic consumers.

Closure of Sriram Rayon's Kota plant

1755. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRO-DIA: 'Will'the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether Sriram Rayon has finally applied to the Government of